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Applicant: BI et al.
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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) Amendment in Response to Office Action dated June 3, 2004

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Confirmation No.: 9146

Application No.: 09/715,935

Examiner: E. B. Fuller

Filed: November 17, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1762

For: COATING FORMATION BY REACTIVE DEPOSITION

AMENDMENTMail Stop Amendment
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of June 3, 2004, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

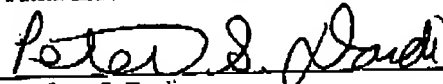
The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Summary of the Claims
- C. Remarks

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